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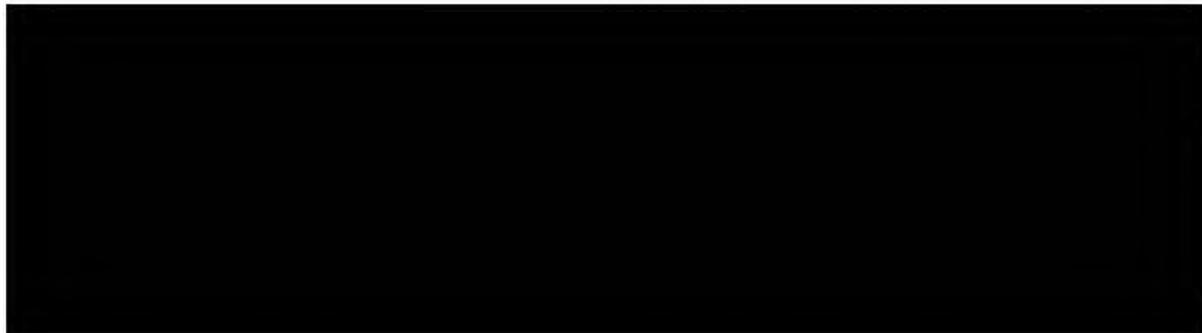
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1. The Czech Army munitions depot at Bilek (050/M75) is the most modern installation of its kind (as regards camouflage, construction, and storage methods) in the country. Construction of the depot was begun in 1936 and completed in the summer of 1942. The installation's six buildings permit the storage of 120 carloads (15,000 kgs. each) of explosives and 130 carloads of ammunition. The munitions and explosives are delivered principally from the plants at Vlasic and Sestin (L94), which are connected with the depot by good roads. Railway stations adjacent to the depot are those at Bilek (1,120 m. distant from Gate 1), Chotobof, Sestinov (600 m. distant from Gate 2), and Zdine-Kruzenburg (1,000 m. distant).
2. The Bilek munitions bunkers, which are all underground, are each 300 m. long, 100 m wide, and three floors deep. The only surface buildings are the small guard house, and the sentry posts at the main gates. The administrative offices are all above ground. Everything, including the road network, is thoroughly camouflaged by a forest growth. There are two camouflaged entrances to each bunker so that loading and unloading may be carried out simultaneously.
3. The Bilek installation is so well hidden that none of the twelve air raids made upon the depot during the war came even near to the target. The center of the depot is 1,500 m. due south of the church of the village of Sopaty (M75). Plans were recently afoot to remove this landmark, but as of early April 1949, the church was still standing.
4. Key to attached sketch of the munitions depot:

No. 1-6 Bunkers mentioned in para. 2. *

No. 7 Administrative offices and quarters of officials.

No. 8 Guard house and quarters for men on guard duty.

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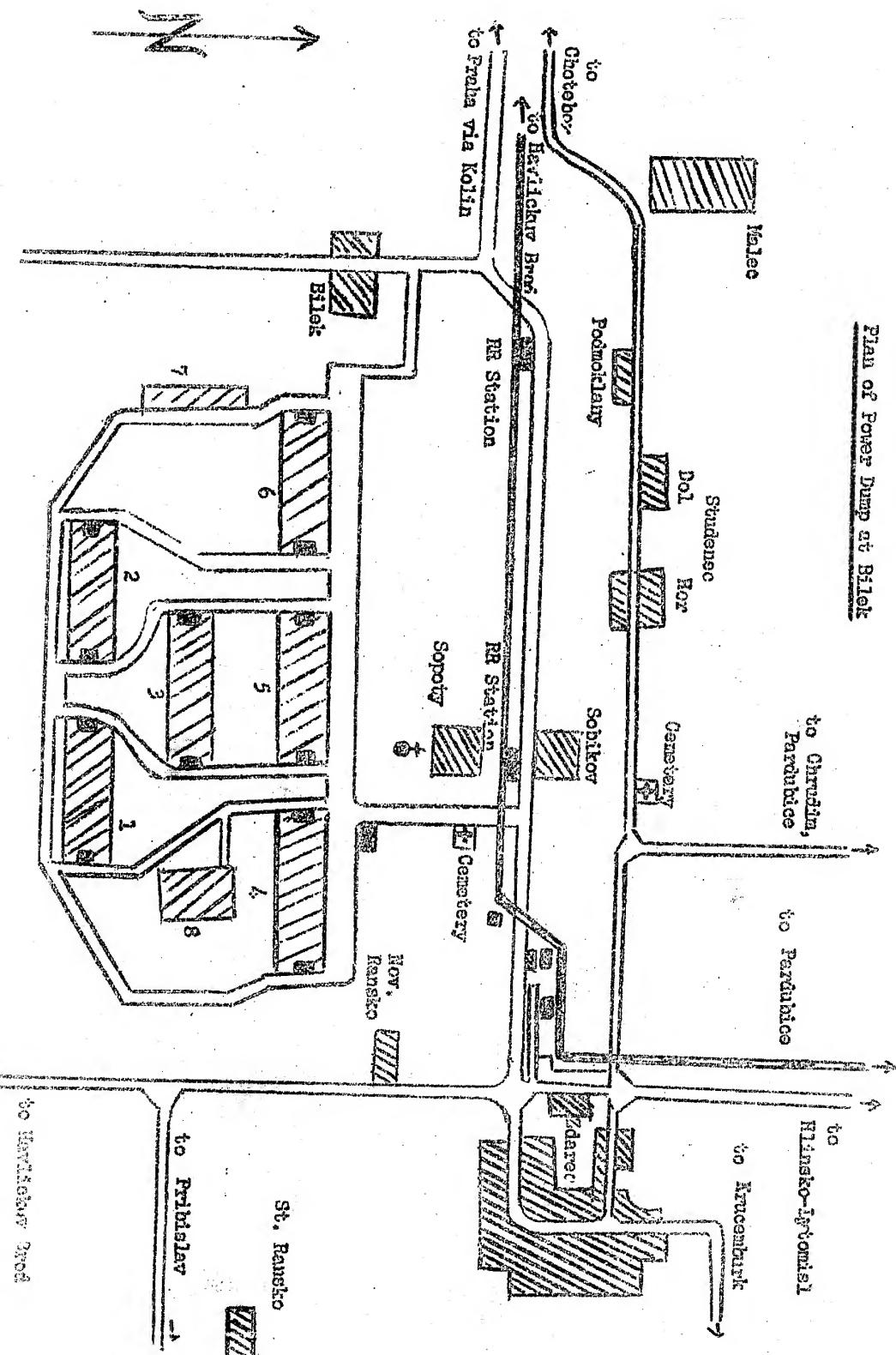
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